

FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)

PROJECT FACT SHEET

JULY 1995

HNC REVISION: 3 JUNE 1997

TAG REVIEW DATE: 24 June 1997

1. SITE NAME: Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #2

SITE NUMBER: J09CA025600

LOCATION:

City: 29 Palms
County: San Bernardino
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA025601

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The former Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #2 consisted of 2,560 acres 60 miles east of 29 Palms and 38 miles southeast of Cadiz, in San Bernardino County, California. The site is located in Sections 31 and 32 of T1N and R19E and Sections 5 and 6 of T1S and R19E. Highway 62 runs 0.75 miles

south of the former four mile square target. The land is currently undeveloped desert land owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

The area is characterized by very hot summers, mild winters and very little precipitation. Daily maximum July temperatures average in excess of 100° F and in January, minimum readings are in the high thirties. The topography consists of great expanses of gentle surface with isolated knobs, buttes, ridges, and locally hilly areas. Although bounded by mountains, the area is not a lowland with elevations ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 feet above sea level. Runoff flows into the Danby Lake and the Colorado River Aqueduct. Pictures taken at the site show a desolate, flat landscape with little vegetation.

4. SITE HISTORY: The 2,560 acre site was acquired in accordance with a Real Estate Directive dated 3 July 1946 in which Special Use Permits were to be acquired from the Department of Interior. Prior to acquisition, this site was within the boundaries of the Desert Training Center (DTC), later called the California-Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA), which was used from April 1942 to April 30, 1944, when it was dissolved.

After the dissolution of CAMA, the Fourth Air Force, stationed at March Field, California, used the site as a sonic target area. The site survey team found a target marked with oiled rings and a raised area containing a hexagon made of railroad ties. The site was declared surplus on 2 August 1948 and was relinquished to BLM by letter dated 21 April 1949.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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| Size, Acres: | 2,560 |
| Former Use: | Bombing Range |
| Present Use: | Undeveloped desert land owned by BLM |
| Probable End Use: | Same |
| Ordnance Presence: | Confirmed |
| Type: | Practice Bombs; Explosive Bombs |

6. CURRENT STATUS: The Archives Search Report for Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #2 was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St Louis District, in July 1995.

7. STRATEGY: RAC 4;EE/CA

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The CEHNC Technical Advisory Group recommended a strategy of EE/CA, RAC 4 for this site based on findings by the site survey team of practice bomb debris, probable craters and high explosive bomb debris. The ASR states that evidence suggests that at least 1,000 lb high explosive bombs were used.

Natural Resources: No Federally and State threatened species occur within the site area. However, an on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities.

Historical Resources: The ASR did not indicate if historical/cultural resources were found to be present at the site. Any intrusive measures taken within the area will require oversight by the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or other like organizations.

9. **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA

10. **FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only